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Atlantic Pact Defence Plan Develops

"TOP SECRET"

Maginot Line Psychology Goes Overboard

The Hague, Mar. 26.—The Atlantic Pact master defence plan will call for last-ditch defences of every member nation and no immediate strategic withdrawal to a Western defence line in the event of a Russian attack, informed quarters here for the Chiefs of Staff conference said today.

On the eve of a week of crucial meetings of top-level Atlantic Pact military and political officials, they denied the popular concept that defence plans might call for falling-back-on-a-line somewhere west of the lowlands and for sacrificing several countries to the enemy in the initial stages of any possible invasion.

Cannibalism Reports From Famine China

Reports are reaching the Colony that the famine in China is in some areas so serious that hunger-mad peasants have resorted to cannibalism.

Recent arrivals in Hongkong from Communist China recount stories brought south by travellers from North and Central China of children being lured away by starving bands of peasants and of other instances of eating of human flesh.

Cannibalism was not unknown in previous famines in China. During the wartime famine of 1943, several cases came to the notice of Allied armed forces stationed in the country, while many instances were reported to have occurred in Hongkong during the Japanese occupation.

EDITORIAL

Hopes Not Justified

THE unconcealed dissatisfaction of Dairy Farm workers with the arbitration award in their favour of \$30 monthly brings into sharper focus the problem and the difficulty of devising mediatory machinery enjoying the confidence of both parties in any local industrial dispute. What the final outcome may be of further representations cannot immediately be foreseen. In the public mind, however, there will be scant sympathy with the worker in this case and the Dairy Farm Company certainly will not be disposed to vary an increased allowance assessed by an independent tribunal under circumstances far from easy, after protracted public hearings requiring a patience which earned the members' congratulations. There is, in fact, no basis for complaint by the worker. The whole principle behind arbitration is prior agreement by both parties that the findings will be accepted in good faith. Submission to the test of arbitration and rejection of the award makes mockery of the procedure. It is true, possibly, that the Dairy Farm case did not offer the best material for a highly educational illustration to labour unions in Hongkong of the value of arbitration machinery. An objective appraisal finds too many complications of a type not normal to labour disputes generally. Factors such as, for instance, tips in restaurants, living quarters on farm establishments and other measures designed to make life for Dairy Farm workers more comfortable. As Professor Robertson says, it was the sort of labour dispute best settled by a process of bargaining between the parties or by the method of conciliation or mediation.

Future Status Of New Guinea

Little Headway At Jakarta

Jakarta, Mar. 26.—A spokesman announced today that the Netherlands-Indonesian Ministerial conference placed two foreign affairs items upon its seven-point agenda.

Point Two of the agenda is the future status of New Guinea—a major outstanding Indo-Dutch conflict which the Hague conference had failed to solve.

Observers, however, expect little headway to be made at this time on the subject.

Point Four unexpectedly dealt with Japan and the possibility of Indonesian representation upon the Allied Council for Japan, the Far Eastern Commission and Japanese reparations agency.

No mention was made of the Japanese treaty although Parliamentary members already have raised a voice for the inclusion of Indonesia at Japanese peace treaty talks.—United Press.

AMERICA'S WITCH HUNTER CHALLENGED

Washington, Mar. 26.—The chairman of the Senate investigating committee, Senator Millard Tydings, today said Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican) had produced absolutely nothing to back up his charges that the State Department was infested with Reds and pro-Communists.

"We have had no direct evidence, no facts, no paper, no action, nothing."

He openly stated that the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee might break off its inquiry soon unless Senator McCarthy came forward with evidence or President Truman decided to open confidential loyalty files on persons Senator McCarthy had accused.—United Press.

CONGRESS DRIVE TO SLASH MARSHALL AID

Washington, Mar. 26.—Rebellious Democrats and economy-minded Republicans are expected to join forces tomorrow in a drive to slash Marshall Aid and other foreign assistance funds.

Coming before the House of Representatives is Democratic President Truman's request for \$3,375,000,000 to carry the Marshall Aid Programme forward another year, and to help Korea, Palestine refugees, and under-developed areas.

The President himself warned the Congressional "economic bloc" in a letter published yesterday that sharp cuts in foreign aid spending might precipitate a third world war.

And last night the Republican Foreign policy leader, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, urged the setting up of a committee to study a possible successor to the Economic Co-Operation Administration, on a worldwide basis, instead of merely European basis.

But on the eve of the House discussions Democratic leaders tonight forecast a hard fight by Administration supporters to prevent cuts of up to \$500,000,000.

All indications were that a strong and growing economy bloc, which has been agitating for cuts in the Government's

foreign spending programme because of the large Federal deficit, would succeed in forcing some reductions.

THE BIG TEST

The House discussions tomorrow will be on an authorization bill which would, in effect, set a ceiling on the aid funds figure.

The big test of the Foreign Aid Programme will come when the Appropriations—or "purse-string"—Committees of both the House and Senate present their foreign aid bills to Congress.

These Committees decide the actual amounts of money to be made available. Their bills are not expected to come up for debate for several weeks yet.—Reuter.

The Rev. Waterson has written to the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, telling him that he is calling all Christian people to a solemn fast and prayer to continue until Easter Day.—Reuter.

FIRE IN ROYAL PALACE

Athens, Mar. 26.—A brief outbreak of fire caused slight damage in King Paul's office at the Royal Palace tonight. The blaze started by logs burning in the fire-place but was under control before the fire engines arrived.—Reuter.

Belgium's Crisis: Growing Prospect Of Dissolution Of Parliament

Charleroi, Mar. 26.—The Walloon Congress, which met in an extraordinary session here today, passed a resolution denouncing "the attempt of the Flemish clericalism to assert its grip over the whole of Belgium."

"Under the cover of a King who has become their instrument, they want to install a Salazar-like regime in Belgium," the resolution further said.

The Congress, which was summoned to devise measures to be taken by the Walloon autonomist and separatist organisations to prevent King Leopold's return to the Throne, was attended by 1,000 delegates from Walloon organisations and

by a number of Liberal, Socialist and Communist Walloon Members of Parliament and former Cabinet Ministers.

A delegation of Antwerp and Ghent dockers was received by officials of the Walloon Congress and presented them with a "message of solidarity" from the Flemish dockers.

The hall in which the Congress was held was adorned with the emblems of Wallonia (the French-speaking part of Belgium)—a red cock on a yellow background.

In Brussels, M. Albert Devezo, veteran Belgian Liberal leader and an anti-Leopoldist, who has begun preparations to try to

form a new Belgian Cabinet, today declared that "if my attempts fail, the only possible alternative will be the dissolution of Parliament and new General Elections."

He was called upon to form a new Government last night by the Belgian Regent, Prince Charles, in a move to end the political deadlock following the resignation of the Coalition Catholic-Liberal Cabinet.

M. Devezo said that "it is my patriotic duty to seek for the Royal problem a national solution acceptable to the country's three main parties (the Catholics, the Socialists and the Liberals)."
—Reuter.

American Ship In Collision

Hamburg, Mar. 26.—The United States steamer "Iionquin Victory," 7,002 tons, and the Icelandic motor ship Godafoss, 2,905 tons, were in collision today in dense fog in the Elbe Estuary, the Hamburg ships' reporting centre reported to-night.

There was neither damage nor casualties and the two ships arrived here tonight under their own steam.—Reuter.

Snap General Election In Britain Predicted

Malaya Boycott Demanded

London, Mar. 26.—Mr Arthur Deakin, Secretary of the world's biggest trade union—Britain's Transport and General Workers—declared today that he was sure dockers would "not take any action at the ports" in response to the British Communist Party's call for a ban on the handling of war materials for Malaya.

The Party's manifesto today urged trade unions and cooperative, youth, student and women's groups to demonstrate as part of an "all-out, sustained demand throughout the country to stop the war in Malaya."

They would use their strength in Parliament again, aimed at inciting a British "battle of the ports" paralleling the French one in which Communist-led dockers in the last two months have refused to handle cargo destined for French forces in Indo-China.

The dockers of this country have refused to become involved in political issues and I am sure will not want us to do so," Mr Deakin said.

Mr Deakin asserted that the Party statement "reveals clearly what I have been saying for the last two years—that the activity of the Communists among trade unionists is completely concerned with carrying out the policy of the Soviet Union and is unrelated to the real interests of trade unionists".—Reuter.

BUDGET THE KEY FOR TIMING

London, Mar. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and his Labour lieutenants may decide on a snap General Election any time in the next six months, political sources here predicted today.

Some observers believed that a new contest might come as early as June—six weeks after the annual budget on April 18.

Harry Pollitt Hits Back

Sharp Attack On Morrison

London, Mar. 26.—The Secretary of the British Communist Party, Mr Harry Pollitt, today described as a "farrago of lies and nonsense" the declaration last Friday of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Herbert Morrison, who in his statement appealed to British trade unions to get rid of Communists as soon as possible.

NO CRISIS?

They predict that the weeks immediately ahead will show an improvement in Britain's overall economic position, satisfying suggestions that there would be a crisis this year.

Figures for Britain's gold and dollar reserves for the first quarter of 1950—showing progress in closing the "dollar gap"—will be published within a fortnight. They are expected to reflect an encouraging position.

On the other hand, if the trade unions generally stage a revolt against the wage stabilisation policy the whole Government recovery plan would be wrecked.

Engineering and shipbuilding unions, who are leading the fight against the wage freeze, will soon hold a ballot on whether to strike for £1 a week wage increase or take their claims to arbitration.

T.U.C. BACKING Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will discuss the wage freeze tomorrow with a delegation from the Trades Union Congress. The T.U.C. itself is expected to continue to back Sir Stafford—but it can apply no sanctions to its 8,000,000 membership.

This was at a time when the Labour Government had "betrayed the principle of internationalism over the Seretso Khamma case," when American bombers and air forces "are already occupying our best aerodromes" and when America, "through its demand (in Paris) on Britain fully to accept its dictate in regard to the European payments union, is trying to wreck Britain's economy."—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Warning To Be Probed

New York, Mar. 26.—General Dwight Eisenhower has accepted an invitation to discuss with a Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Wednesday his view that the United States has discerned beyond the safety point.

The Sub-Committee wished to know whether the former Supreme Commander in Europe would recommend an increase of the military budget which it is not considering.

The invitation to General Eisenhower was prompted by his speech in New York last week in which he declared that the United States had "already disarmed to the extent—in some extent even beyond the extent that I, with deep concern for her present safety, could possibly advise."—Reuter.

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By ALICE ALDEN

1920 look with Eton crop at the ballet party

MANY women wore ankle-length dresses at the Covent Garden ballet party recently. One French woman wore a 1920 outfit, long-wisted, flat-chested, and kneelength skirt, with an Eton crop. Everyone laughed.

Miss Dorothy Dickson wore a diamond tiara 3ins. high on her short hair. She was surprised to find that a tassel on the short cut was very becoming and quite easy to keep on.

She wore a biscuit yellow ankle-length dress, decorated with tiny mauve sequins.

Lady Diana Cooper wore a tulle made of roses.

The Queen's dress

HOW little the ball gown changes through the years. At the Royal Command performance at Covent Garden on March 23, 1939, in honour of M. Lebrun and his wife, the Queen wore a white dress made of tulle, and the skirt was scattered with gold sequins. The bodice was closely embroidered with gold paillettes.

On this occasion the Queen's dress was again white, but made of satin.

It was embroidered with topaz and white rhinestones and scattered with hundreds of gold and silver paillettes.

Both exquisite

BOTH dresses are exquisite, but the 1939 dress could be worn as successfully in 1950—and the 1950 dress would not have looked wrong in 1930.

Made from pink tulle—it had

70 yards of material in the skirt.

The dress was scattered with pale blue sequins, giving it a misty look. Madame Bianchi

wore pearl and diamond

Mrs Attlee wore a full skirted gown of grey brocade woven with pastel coloured flowers. The dress was made by Mrs Attlee's own dressmaker, and she wore with it a diamond brooch.

M. P. Lady Tweedsmuir wore a heavy ottoman silk grey dress with silver lame spots woven

with Mary Churchill looked beauti-



ful in a peach coloured satin dress, with a wide full skirt and broad shoulder-straps.

Sleeveless look

HOW are women going to like the new sleeveless look? I have seen in the shops this week sweaters, dresses, and even nightdresses without sleeves.

The bodice is cut with a definite shoulder line, and the armhole is bare and plain... and ugly.

A young woman with a well-shaped arm can wear it successfully, but a woman's upper arm is not a thing of beauty, and a sleeveless garment is unflattering to many women.

The sweater in the photograph can be worn back to front. The straight shoulder-line has been broken by a ribbed cuff made of fine wool in many colours. It sells for approximately £4.

Susan Deacon

(London Express Service)

The two-way sweater.

into the fabric. It was a simple dress with a heart-shaped neckline and tiny sleeves, with twin bows on the neckline and silver paillettes on each shoulder. Her jewels were diamonds and sapphires.

Working girl Miss Diana Lytton, Press Officer at the Palace, wore champagne satin—an off-the-shoulder dress with draped decollete and full skirt with diamonds.

Madame Ambassador's wife

Madame Bianchi bought her

gown in Paris. It was one of

the loveliest gowns at the

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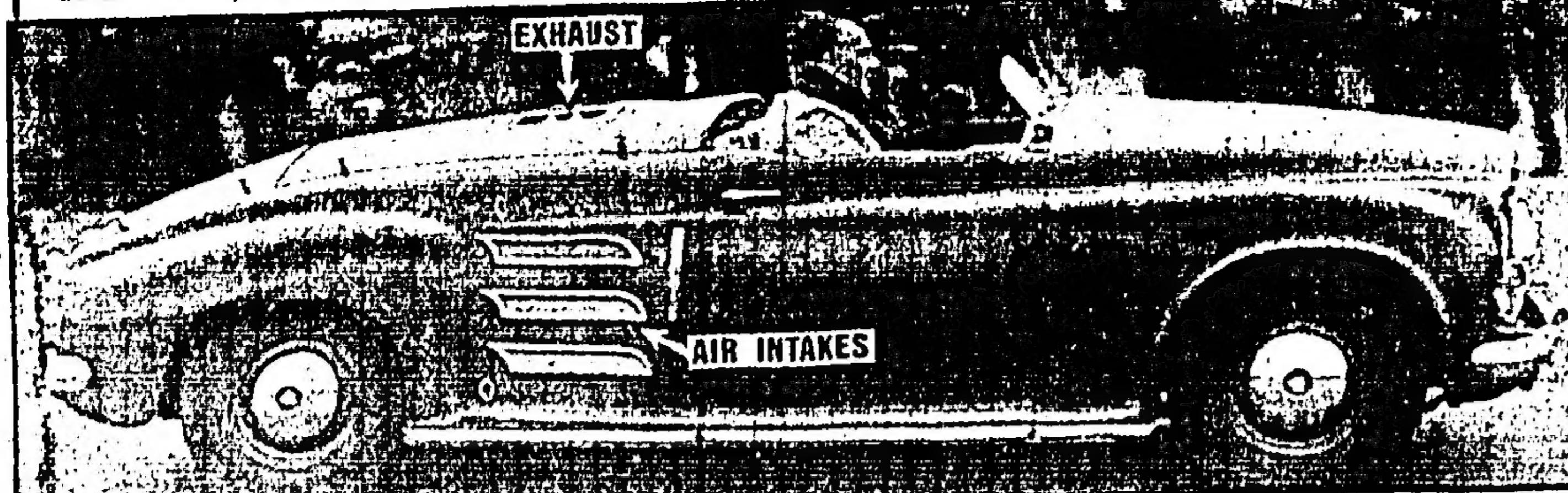
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NO CLUTCH, NO GEARS—FIRST JET-AGE CAR SETS OUT



GRANDMOTHER TAKES WHEEL

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By Basil Cardew

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The world's first jet-age car—made in Britain—did 90 miles an hour in its public tryout on the Silverstone circuit, Northants. And the throttle pedal was not fully down.

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The car, an open three-seater, swept round the three-mile track and immediately became known as the Whizzard. Two hundred motoring experts from all over the world whistled, and wondered.

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FIVE MEN TACKLE A RIVER

Five Mulberry Harbour engineers from London have begun work on the plan to harness the turbulent 900-mile Volta River and build the biggest hydro-electric dam in West Africa.

The Plan: Dam the Volta and create a 250ft-deep lake at Ajena; build an 800,000-kilowatt generating station and an aluminium factory; irrigate the arid coastal "lost lands" to provide rice for Africa and meat for Britain and make a new deep-water harbour at Ada or Accra.

The Directive: The same as Mr Churchill's for Mulberry—"The difficulties will argue for themselves."

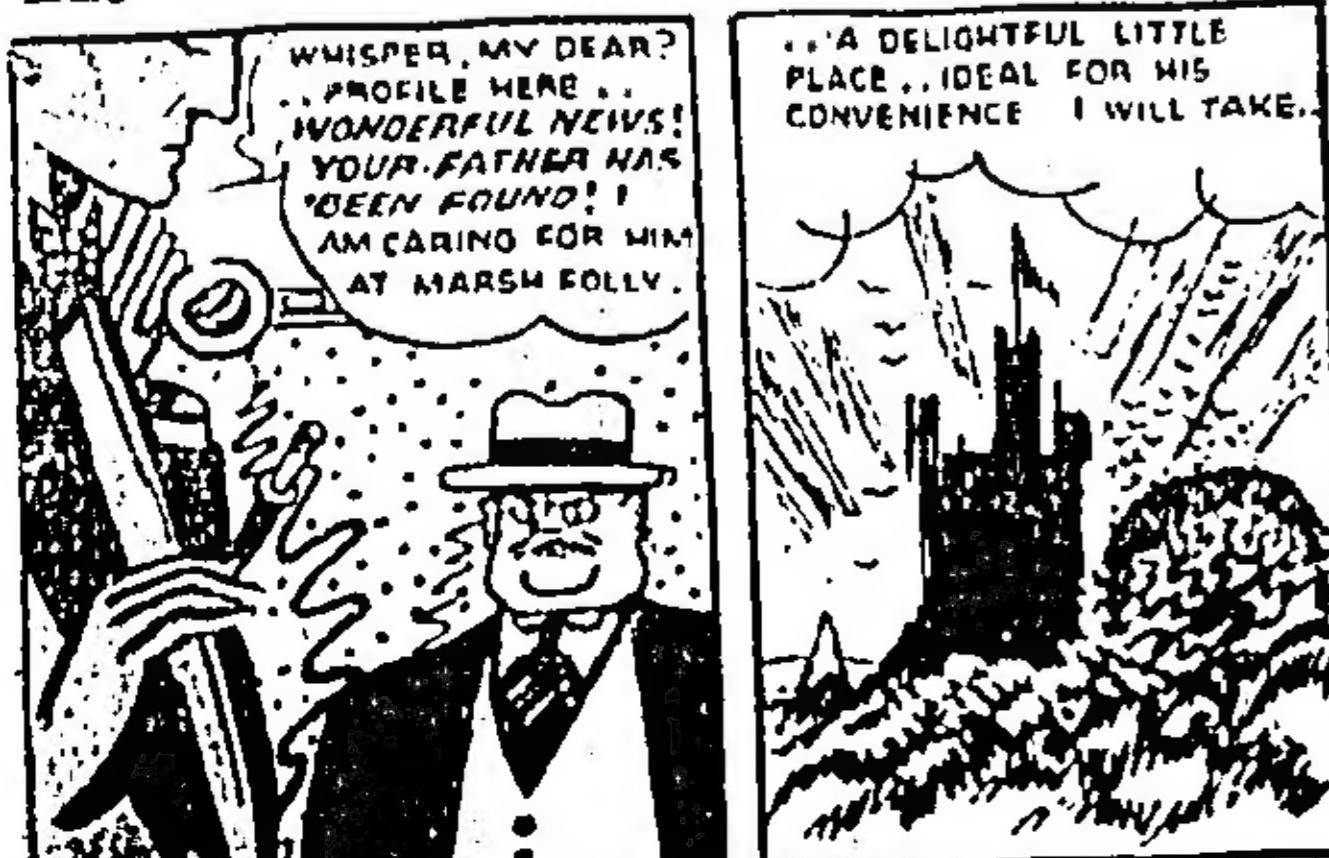
The five men under the Volta will use again the Mulberry technique. The mapping will be done by camera aircraft.

Engineers on the ground will be aided by a geologist and soil scientist. The survey that might have taken years by old methods will be done in three months.

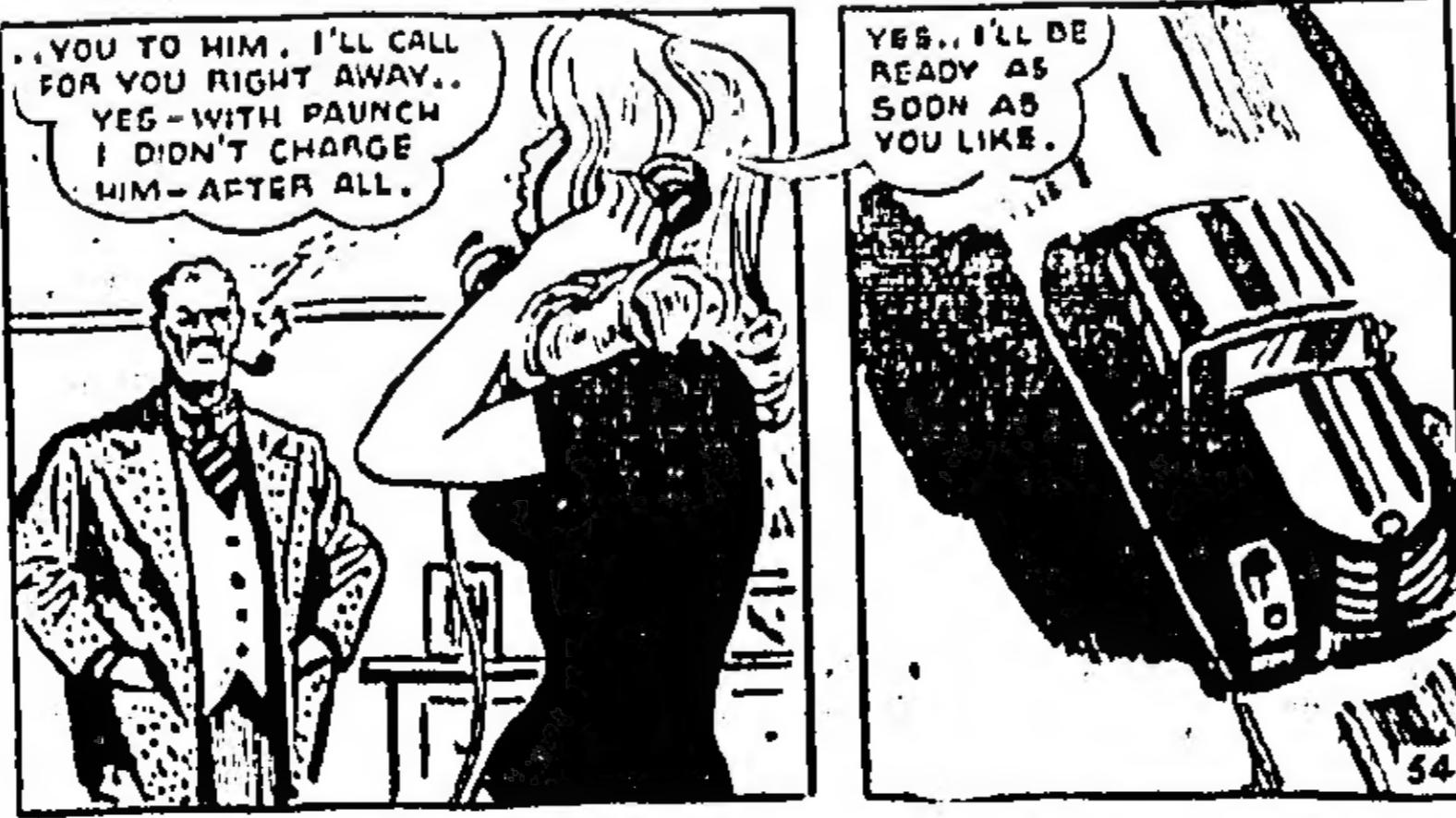
The Verdict of the five men: "It can be done. There is an enormous amount of power in the Volta."

—(London Express Service)

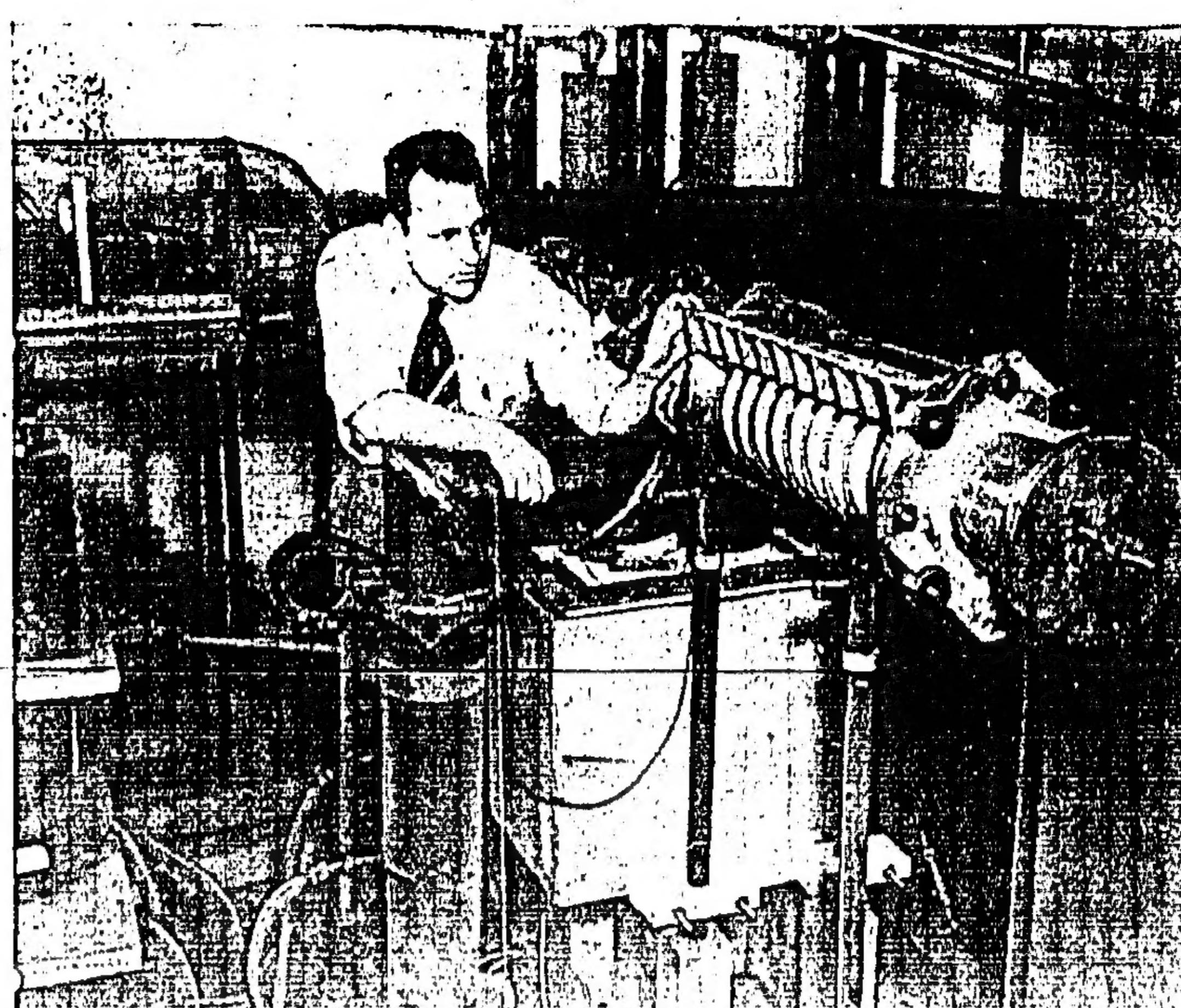
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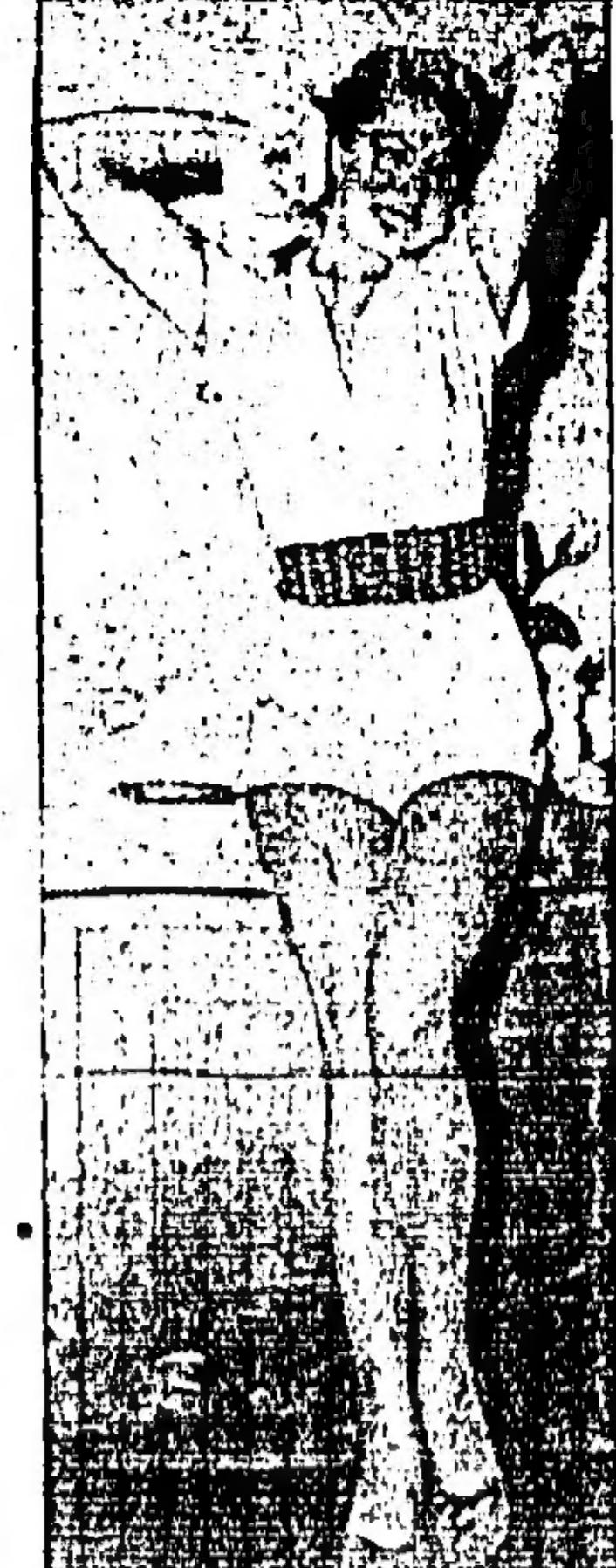
The Riddle of the Red Domino



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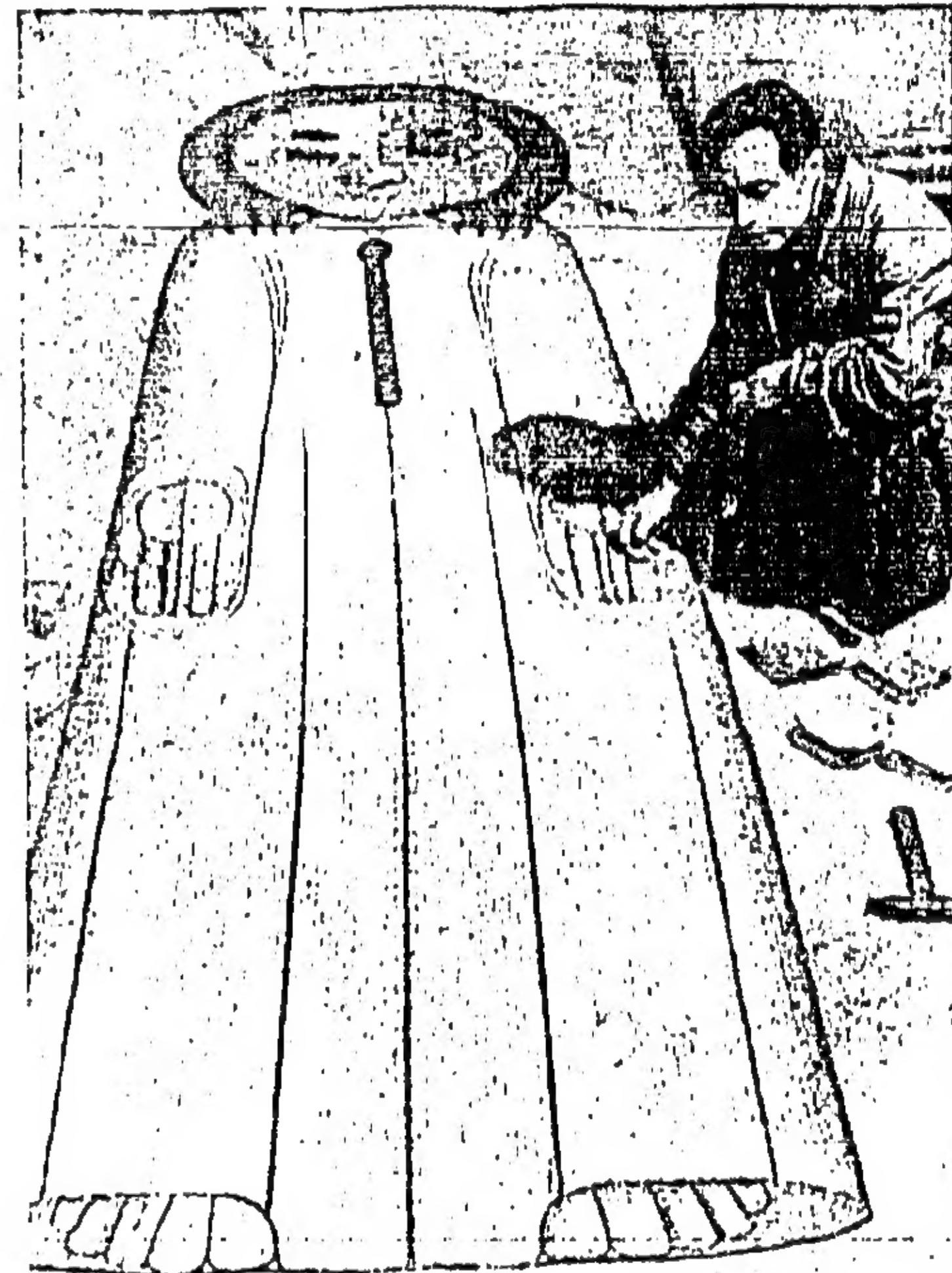
JUNIOR-SIZE ATOM SMASHER — Dr Glenn Miller, Iowa State College physicist, makes adjustments on the small atom smasher, the construction of which he has directed for the past two years. The instrument will be used to study the properties of atomic particles passing through matter.



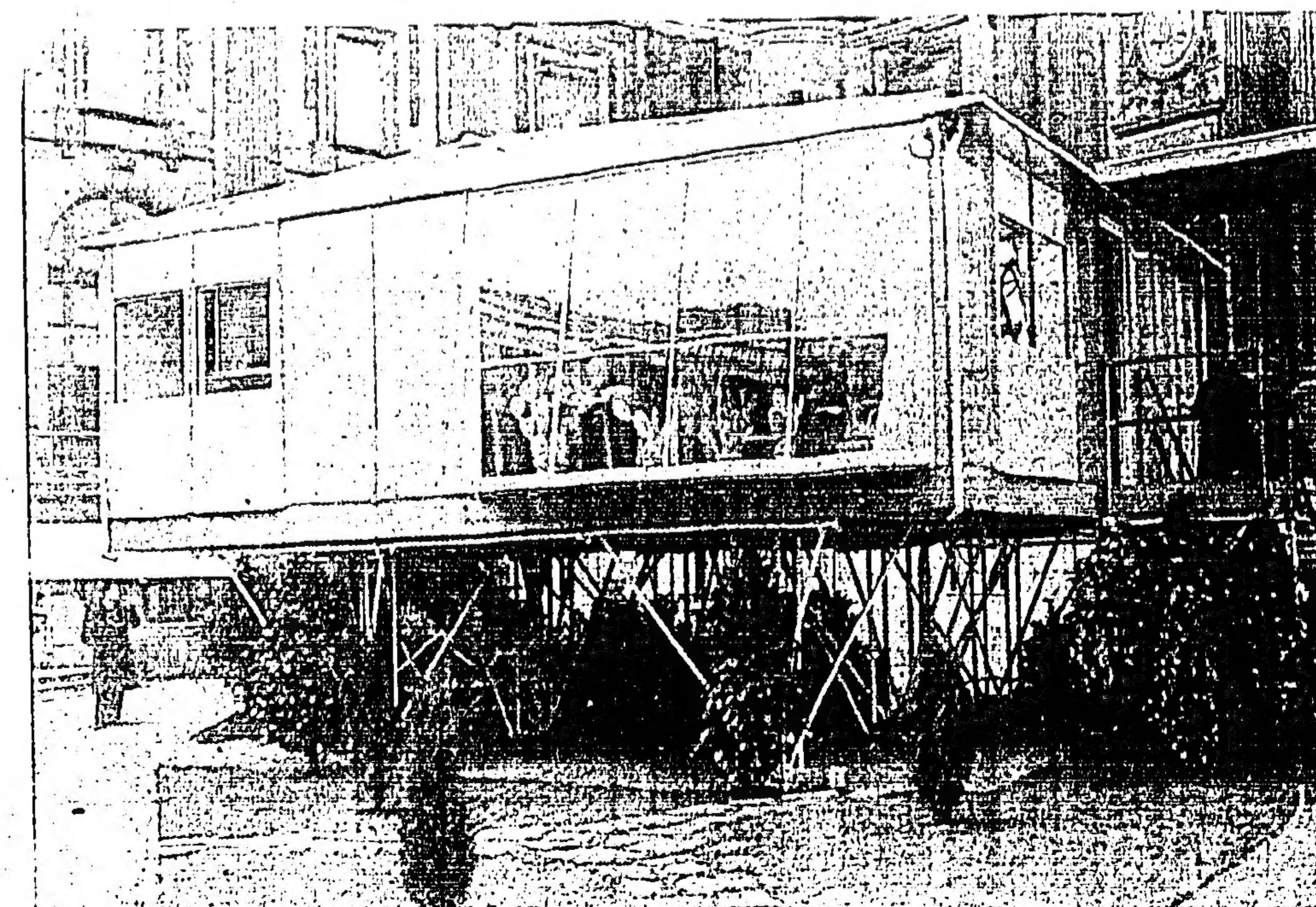
DIFFERENT — Dancer Eleanor Marvak, shown in Hollywood, will soon be seen in a picture with Betty Hutton. This is some lace with the lovely face should make a definite place for herself in films.



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IDEAL HOME — Architect Henri Prouve displays his aluminium house, built on piles, at the 1950 annual Ideal Home Exhibition in Paris. This home, designed for a family of four, is provided with the most modern household accessories.

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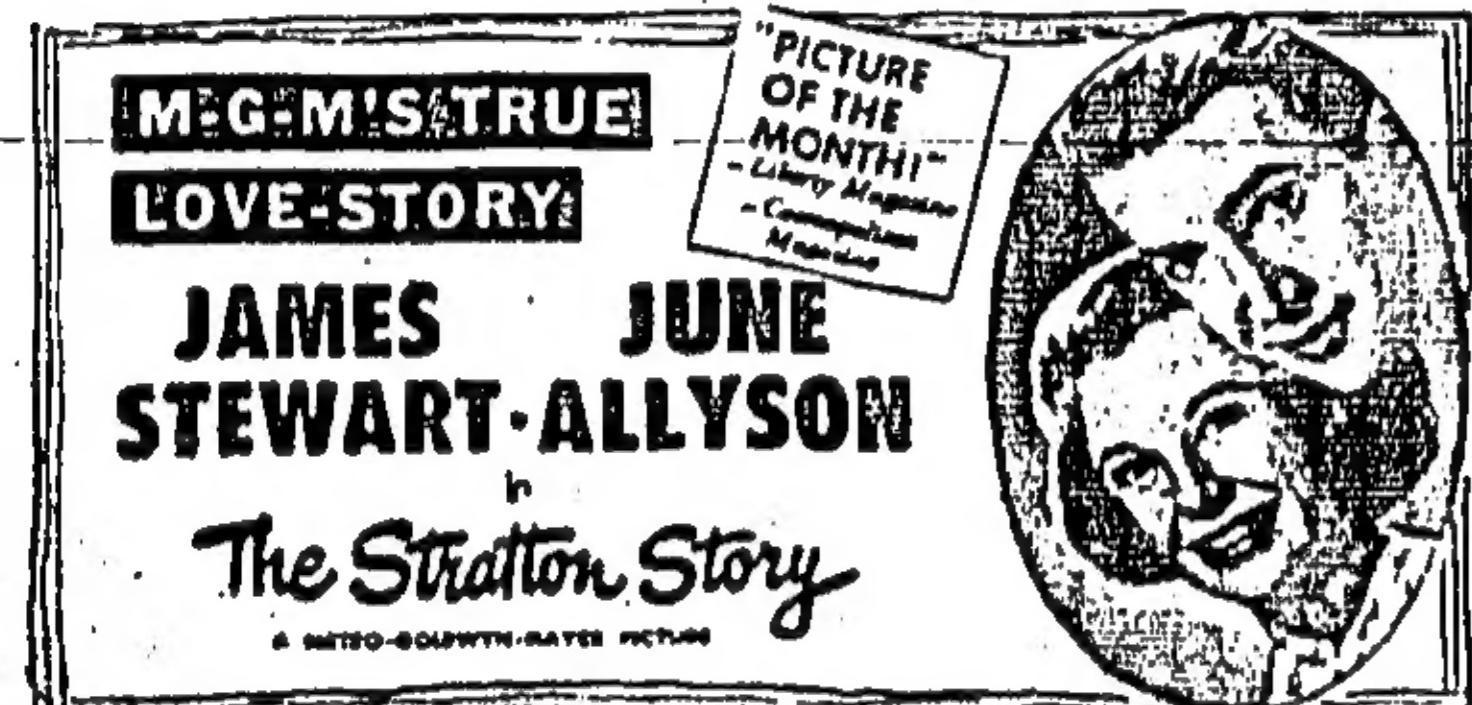
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HOW STATE POWER HITS THE CHURCH —By THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

When the Church of England has a view to express on any of the big political questions of the day, it comes first and most emphatically from Dr. Garbett, Archbishop of York. Today his important statement is on the problems of the Church itself in the Twentieth Century political set-up.

'They are squeezing us out of it'

By HAROLD BRETT

THE Archbishop of York, Dr Cyril Garbett, describes in a book just published* how "an extension of the power and activities of the State" has affected the work of the Church.

"In Tudor days," he says, "State interference was often autocratic and capricious, but usually its action was negative... its edicts passed over the heads of ordinary citizens."

"Today the new totalitarian State for good or ill, and often unquestionably for good, regulates and plans the lives of all its subjects."

"In Great Britain the growth of State power makes itself felt on the Church in a different way. Gradually and almost inevitably and without any hostile intent, the State takes over work which used to be the responsibility of the Church and squeezes it out of fields which once it had occupied."

"Education, the relief of the poor, help for the unemployed, welfare work of various kinds, clubs for youth and most of the duties of the old vestries have been taken over by the State."

"Usually this has meant gain in efficiency for the material resources of the State far exceed those possessed by any voluntary societies, but the Church has been crowded out of spheres of work previously regarded as especially belonging to it..."

Dr. Garbett adds: "Only in one direction has the State increased the social work of the clergy and that is by the enormous number of forms and papers concerning pensions,

grants, and appointments of all kinds which must be signed or witnessed by a minister of religion, a doctor, or a magistrate."

The 'difficulties' and 'dangers'

ARCHBISHOP GARBETT

A gives a list of the difficulties and dangers that arise from the Church's present links with the State:

1 ITS BISHOPS and deans are selected by Prime Minister who need not even be a Christian. State officials appoint the incumbents of nearly 1,000 parishes.

2 THERE IS little to stop a totalitarian State bringing the Church under tight control with a vast system of jobs for the clerical boys.

3 NO CHANGE in doctrine can be made without the Act of Parliament, which now has a majority of men indifferent, and many hostile to organised religion. Prayer Book reforms, the wish of the majority of the Church and the result of 14 years' labours, was thrown out by a majority of the House of Commons, including Communists and a Parsee member.

4 CONTROL over the use of Church property is in the hands of Parliament.

5 THE FINAL court of appeal for the Church is the Privy Council. Bishops can be present as assessors, but they have no votes.

6 PARLIAMENT passes laws, such as those on divorce, which may be contrary to those of the Church.

I spoke for social reform'

REVIEWING the changing political allegiances of churchmen during the twentieth century Dr. Garbett writes:

"With the collapse of Liberalism the political foe of the Church has gone, fear of its victory is now no reason for voting for the other party."

"Many of the clergy especially those who have worked in the great industrial cities are in sympathy with the Labour Party and some of them are as ready to support it by speech and vote as their predecessors supported Conservatism."

"William Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury until 1944) was for many years a member of the Labour Party, and though I never joined the party as a young curate, I occasionally spoke on its platform in support of social reform."

"Temple's political influence was considerable, especially over the younger men and women. His speeches and his writings led many to support Labour long after he had given up his own membership of the party."

The Archbishop quotes a reviewer in the Times Literary Supplement:—

"The sweeping Labour victory in the General Election of 1945 will certainly not be counted least among the forces that have shaped contemporary British life, and without consciously intending it William Temple probably contributed much to that result as any one man."

"To him as much as to any man is due the fact that on July 5, 1945, hundreds of thousands of middle class homes decided to give Labour a chance."

"Although he always distinguished the Labour movement from the Labour Party, he made the Labour Party responsible for its success."

That is the verdict of the Church's own archbishop.



DR. CYRIL GARBETT
"Now we fit forms."

In spite of this Dr. Garbett recommends:

(1) Minimum pay of £500 a year for persons.

(2) Make it easier to remove lazy or quarrelsome persons.

(3) Get rid of big parsons.

Something must be done, he says. "The choice is between helplessly and incompetently drifting to disaster or carrying through a far-reaching policy of reform."

That is the verdict of the Church's own archbishop.

—(London Express Service)

C. V. R. Thompson
on tour

Atom town is still nice to the English

THEY are still very nice to Englishmen at Oakridge, America's top-secret atom city. I know because I went there today. And, as the first Englishman visitor since the Fuchs case, I can report that they did not clap me in irons, or even warn me off.

Indeed, at first, I almost thought I would be able to walk off with an isotope, whatever that is. For along the mountain road into this city of 33,000 people, which the US Government runs to keep itself in atom bombs, there were "welcome" signs.

And instead of secret agents I found billboards telling me that I was entering "the cradle of the atomic era" and expressing the hope—by courtesy of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Oakridge—that I would enjoy my visit.

It was all rather like entering the outskirts of Bournemouth.

GONE WERE the 15 miles of electrically charged wire that I had heard about. Gone were the armies of guards.

One policeman was all I saw, and he was holding up traffic for a mother and one of the most recent occupants of the cradle of the atomic era.

My hosts took great pains to give me some groundwork—available in all the up-to-date physics books—on how the atom is split.

They even gave me a dime, which they made radio-active in front of my eyes, as a souvenir.

AND TO the store of secret information I gathered, I must add the chief problem confronting the atom workers. It is not radio-active, the Russians, the hell bomb, or which of a score of competing unions to join.

What they are after is a fast four-lane highway into the neighbouring town of Clinton. They want it because their spiteful Tennessee neighbours have ruled that Oakridge must stay dry, and there are liquor shops in Clinton.

MY HOSTS were so charming that it was not until I was on my way to Memphis that I realised that they had not told me one new fact about the working side of Oakridge, that I had not even seen the outside of an atom factory, and that I did not know at which end of the valley they were situated.

But it is comforting to know that all the same, that they are still very nice to Englishmen at Oakridge.

Women Volunteer For Trip

By JUD DIXON

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FORT WORTH, Tex.—Dawn Towne can advance written evidence that women are not the so-called weaker sex.

Towne is a 25-year-old student at Texas Christian University and plans a 25,000-mile jeep expedition beginning next October 12, at the farthest tip of South America—Magallanes, Chile.

Much of the estimated seven-month trip, which will take him up through South America, through the United States and into Alaska, and back again to this country, is through uncharted jungle in South America.

Towns wants a woman to join him and three other men on this jaunt. A woman on the trip, he explained, will make the whole thing more dramatic; it will make the places we expect to take a lot more memorable."

Since announcing his plans, Towne has received letters from a school teacher, a nurse, an airline stewardess, and a

switchboard operator, to mention a few, all wanting to make the trip. They feel rugged enough.

The nurse, from Johnstown, N.Y., wrote that "while a woman is very unusual for anyone to consider on an expedition's personnel list," she would still like to go. She delivered numerous babies as an army nurse in South Pacific Island, and "might do the same along the route of your expedition and make much good will for you."

The airline stewardess from State Centre, Iowa, said her run took her from Dallas to New York, and every time she landed there she went around to the Explorers' Club. For eight years, she said, she had always wanted to be a writer and explorer.

Towns has been planning the expedition for six years, ever

since he was on Merchant Marine duty in Dutch and British Colonies. He has always wanted to be a writer, and that is one of the reasons of the trip—to break into the writing business.

Besides, the three-jeep expedition should serve to arouse public interest in opening the gaps in the uncompleted Pan American highway.

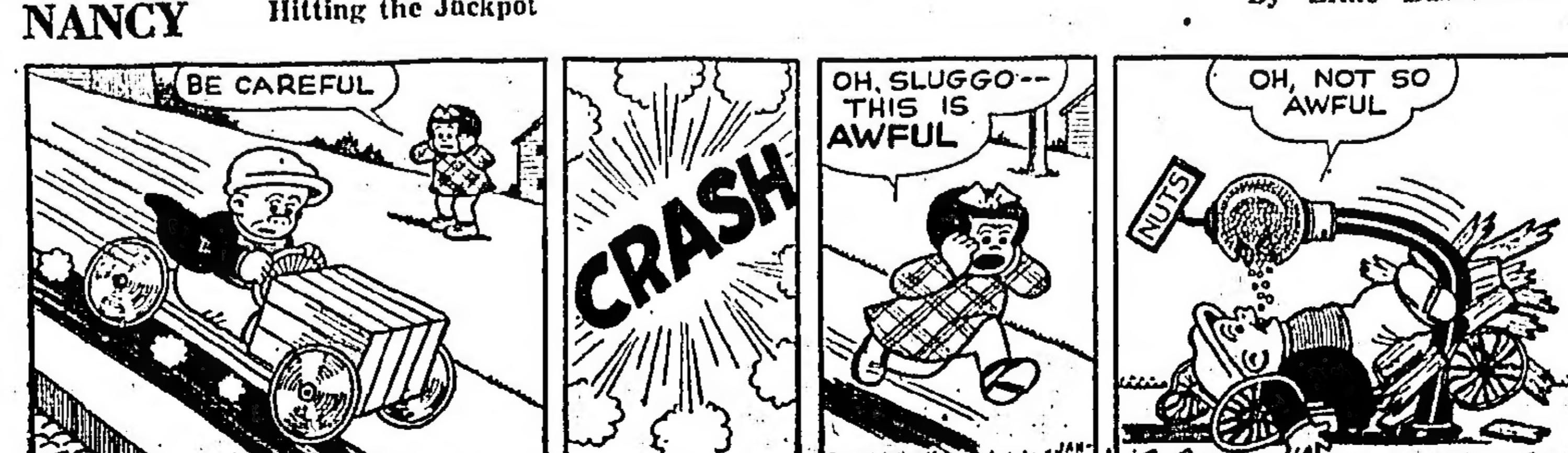
So far, he has selected only one other person to make the trip. That is Owen Day, Fort Worth artist and cartoonist.

Still sought is the woman, who will be selected by a special screening committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The main qualifications are that she be a college graduate with an ability to write and the fortitude to endure such hardships as might be encountered on the trip. If she can drive a jeep and also cook, then so much the better, Towns said.

Also needed are a photographer and a radio-mechanic.—United Press.

NANCY Hitting the Jackpot



By ERNIE BUSHMILLER



Vandenbergs Foreign Policy Study Plan Wins Senate Support

Washington, Mar. 26.—Senator Arthur Vandenberg's proposal for a non-partisan commission to study long-range American foreign policy today won enthusiastic support in the Senate.

Several members were particularly interested in the Michigan Republican's suggestion which proposed that the Commission consider the problem of dealing with Western European nations after the Marshall European recovery programme expires in 1952.

Among the supporters of his proposal are Republican Senator Alexander Smith and Democrat John Sparkman, Virgil Craman, Chapman Willis Robertson and Lester Hill.

House voting on the omnibus foreign aid bill for the next fiscal year is due to begin on Tuesday. Administration adherents are most concerned about the provision that would provide \$35,000,000 for the start of President Truman's "Point Four" programme.

Some felt odds against its approval.

There was nothing to indicate that Senator Vandenberg's suggestion for the "non-partisan" commission was connected with the current Republican attack on the Secretary of State Mr Dean Acheson. But Senator Vandenberg was one of the chief architects of the bi-partisan foreign policy, and it seemed likely that he would be seriously concerned with any major threat to that policy, including the possibility of its collapse under election year political pressures.

RIGHT NOTE

Senator Smith, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Senator Vandenberg "struck the right note" in proposing the bi-partisan commission.

Senator Robertson endorsed the proposal and predicted that American aid will still be needed after 1952 in Germany and Greece. He said that unemployed refugees in Western Germany and under war production will make the programme for Germany necessary.

Senator Sparkman agreed: "We are going to have some kind of programme after 1952" and called Senator Vandenberg's proposal a "fine idea."—United Press.

Washington, Mar. 26.—The United States' wartime planning

Red Plot In Bolivia

La Paz, Mar. 26.—A Communist revolutionary plot to-day was crushed by police who arrested 25 conspirators.

The police chief told a press conference that the police who broke up a meeting of a local cell of the "Partisans of Peace" found bundles of subversive literature calling on the people to rebel against the government on Tuesday.

He himself led a party of uniformed police and six plain-clothesmen which raided the meeting and made arrests.

Persons arrested included Alfredo Suarez, a Communist said to be the chief leader of the frustrated revolution, and a number of students from La Paz school, including two girls.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Come on down, it's only the Joneses—you don't have to doll up for them!"

Agricultural Meet At Geneva Ends In Dismal Failure

Geneva, Mar. 26.—The American efforts to bring East and West together in solving common agricultural problems ended unsuccessfully here late last night.

After a week's repeat debate in the Economic Commission for Europe's Agricultural Committee, delegates from 19 countries went home with no concrete measures to show.

The discussion opened with a co-ordinated attack on West Europe's economy and the Marshall Plan as Russia and her satellites delivered long prepared statements.

There followed an involved debate on the problem of supplying information to the Economic Commission Secretariat. The Western delegations maintained that no progress could be made unless the East co-operated in this matter.

The West forced a favourable vote on a resolution urging information supplementary to published Government reports. Spending hours discussing procedure, the delegates never got down to examining a single one of the Commission's pro-

posed reports on detailed items such as feeding stuffs.

Russia and other East European countries maintained that a discussion of such questions should be in the Commission's Trade Committee, which had already failed through the lack of statistical information.

The Western delegates stated today that they had come ready to exchange information on their agricultural needs and available return exports, but the offer was not taken up.—Reuter.

New Sarawak Governor

Singapore, Mar. 26.—The new Governor of Sarawak, Mr Anthony Foster Abell, arrived here today on his way to Kuching to take up his appointment.

Mr Abell succeeded the late Mr Duncan Stewart, who was assassinated by a young Malay at Sibu last December.—Reuter.



Shamrock For Irish Guards

The King presented shamrock to the 1st Battalion, the Irish Guards, at the annual ceremonial parade on St. Patrick's Day at Chelsea Barracks, London. This year had special significance—it marked the half-century of the formation of the regiment. (London Express Service).

PROFESSOR BERNAL'S NEW THEORY OF LIFE ORIGIN ENGAGING ATTENTION

London, Mar. 26.—A theory that life originated on the shores of the ancient seas under conditions which can never again be duplicated is engrossing the attention of British scientists today. It is regarded as one of the most interesting contributions to science's greatest mystery in this century.

Professor J. D. Bernal, head of the Physics Department at Birkbeck College, offered his theory as a "crude" effort to explain how life came into being on this planet. But colleagues quickly noted that, unlike many other theories on the same subject, there are phases of Professor Bernal's explanation which can be tested in the laboratory.

According to the Bernal theory, the stage was set for life to make its appearance many millions of years ago when the earth's atmosphere, during the long cooling off period from the molten state, was composed mainly of nitrogen and carbon dioxide and the seas were a weak solution of ammonia, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide.

At that time there was no ozone in the air to filter out the strong ultra-violet radiation from the sun. Thus

Australia's Role In Far East

Manila, Mar. 27.—The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Percy Spender, is returning to Manila today from Baguio, where he conferred with President Quirino.

He will address a session of the Philippine Senate shortly before noon.

Mr Spender is expected to discuss Philippine-Australian relations in his speech, which will be the first to be delivered by an Australian before the Upper House of Congress.

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Mr Spender, who arrived with Mrs Spender on Saturday afternoon, yesterday spent the day with President Quirino.

He told the press in Baguio that Australia wanted to promote closer relations with neighbour countries, but declined to say whether Australia would join the Philippines-sponsored economic, political and cultural union of Western Pacific and Southeast Asian countries. He refused to commit himself on the union proposal until after the conference in Canberra of British Commonwealth nations next May.

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ARSENAL ARE ONE OF THE OLDEST TEAMS TO REACH THE CUP FINAL

London, Mar. 26.—Arsenal, who entered the Football Association Cup final at Wembley on April 29 by beating Chelsea in the semi-final replay, must be one of the oldest teams to reach the final stage.

Only four of the Arsenal team which beat Chelsea are under 30—Wally Barnes, at left-back; Freddie Cox, the right-winger who scored the winning goal; Jimmy Lyle, at inside-right, and the "bobby" of the team, Peter Goring, at centre-forward.

The oldest member of the team is Leslie Compton, the elder brother of Denis Compton, who plays at outside-left. Leslie will be 38 this year and he is run close by Joe Mercer, the captain, who is 36.

Assuming that Leslie Compton is fit and selected for centre-half—his choice can be taken for granted—his appearance at Wembley will be his third Cup

SCORPIONS NEED ONE POINT

The Scorpions, who easily accounted for Craignewer in their one but last match in the First Division of the Cricket League at Happy Valley on Saturday, now need a draw from their remaining match against Commandos at Chater Road for the Championship.

Army easily accounted for Commandos at Sooktunpo and can still tie should they win both their remaining matches and Scorpions lose their last one.

The reason is near. Its end and five of the postponed matches were played over the week-end in the Senior Division.

Bowlers came into their own with Frank Howarth taking nine for 20 against Craignewer, leaving him two wickets for a 100 in the League this season, or an average of five a match.

A bridge of Commandos took seven for 30 against RAF for a surprising Commando victory at Sooktunpo yesterday by six wickets and P. J. B. Hillmor 6 for 12 against Navy yesterday to give Craignewer their third victory of the season.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Scorpion	19	14	4	1	60
Army	18	12	4	2	52
RAF	19	9	6	4	42
Recreio	17	9	3	5	39
University	18	7	3	8	31
KCC	18	5	5	8	24
Oxfordshire	19	4	8*	7	23
CCC	18	3	9	6	21
JRC	17	4	3	10	19
R. Navy	18	3	4	11	16
Commandos	16	3	2	11	14
Second Division					
KCC	15	2	1*	2	50
Commandos	15	9	0	6	30
Recreio	15	9	0	6	30
JRC	16	8	2	6	34
KGVS	15	8	0	7	32
RAF	13	7	1	5	29
Dockyard	14	5	2*	7	23
R. Navy	15	3	0	12	12
University	15	2	2	11	10

* Includes two points for tied game.

Schoolboys Lose To Kitchee

An exciting match was witnessed at Causeway Bay yesterday, when the Kitchee Juniors beat the Schoolboy Interporters in a soccer trial by four goals to two.

The schoolboys, though not very experienced, tried their best to draw with their opponents, but Kitchee were too good for them.

The goalkeeper for the schoolboys, Lee Kin-yeo (St Joseph's) was outstanding and saved many shots. Ko Po-keung (La Salle), the centre-forward, was the star.

Kitchee showed better combination.

The first twenty-five minutes of the first half were rather dull until Kitchee gained two corners, from one of which Chu Kam-shing, right wing, scored. Shortly after, Yau Wah-wing netted from a penalty kick.

A few minutes later, Ko Po-keung scored for the Schoolboys.

In the second half, Ko Po-keung sustained a head injury and retired for a short while. During his absence, Kwok Ying-yun notched Kitchee's third goal.

The Schoolboys reduced the deficit when Chu Kam-shing scored from a penalty, but before the end Kitchee added a fourth to Yau Wah-wing.

The team:

Kitchee: Chu Shing-hung; Loek Tok-sang, Kwok Ying-yun; Chow Kai-chung, Yau Wah-wing, Lee Ping (St Joseph's); Yeung Yu-hung (St Joseph's); Wong Man-kiu, Kwok Ying-yun (Taikoo), Tsoi Man-cheung (St Joseph's); Chan Chung-yung (Queen's); Yau Tak-hay (Queen's). Wong Sun-mui (Taikoo), Ko Po-keung (La Salle); Lee Chin-sang (St Joseph's) and Chu Kam-wing (St Joseph's).

and there for Arsenal, all three in different positions.

During the early war period when Service calls on the players forced Arsenal to experiment, Leslie played a number of games at centre-forward and after several notable scoring feats, including 10 out of 15 in a match against Clapton, now Leyton-Orient, he led the attack in the 1941 League War Cup final.

THREE LEFT

Of the team which represented Arsenal at Wembley in that match, which they drew 1-1 with Preston North End, only the Compton brothers and Laurle Scott, the left-back, are still playing for the club.

Two years later, Arsenal made their next appearance at the famous Stadion, where they beat Charlton Athletic 7-1 in the Football League South Cup final, the scorer being Reg Lewis, who still plays at inside-left (4); Ted Drake, the non-manager of Reading (2); and Denis Compton.

Leslie was at left-back on that day. He did not become Arsenal's regular centre-half until after the war but so well is he performing that it is difficult to realise that he joined Arsenal as long ago as 1932.

Test Match

PAKISTAN SCORE 362 IN FIRST INNINGS

Karachi, Mar. 26.—Pakistan this morning completed their first innings in the Test here against Ceylon by adding another 91 runs to their overnight score for the loss of their four remaining wickets.

A strong breeze swept across the pitch when Fazal Mahmud and Asghar, who were not out overnight, continued the innings before a sprinkling of spectators. Salimuddin and Wijesinghe opened the attack but Salimuddin was soon in action from the Government House end.

This change proved fruitful, for in his second over he shattered Fazal's wicket with a medium fast straight ball.

Within the first half hour of play the tourists met with another quick success when Khan Mohammed missed the ball from Gunesena and edged it into the safe hands of Navaratne behind the wicket.

Rana still came slowly, and mostly in singles after the left-handed Chippy had stepped in and the first hour's play saw the addition of only 39 runs.

With the total at 347 and his own score at 67, Asghar lifted Gunesena to the long-off, where Maklin Ballim failed to hold what seemed to be an easy catch.

FIELDING LAPSE

Another fielding lapse robbed the tourists of Chippy's wicket when the Ceylonese captain, Jayawardene, failed to hold the ball, which edged out of his hands.

The ninth wicket partnership, which had yielded 67 runs, ended when Asghar was run out while trying to collect four runs.

Khalid Gureshi, the last man, was adjudged leg before to Wijesinghe without further addition to the score and on the fall of the last wicket the teams adjourned for lunch.

Ceylon made 57 runs for the loss of one wicket in their first innings after lunch. Play was then abandoned for the day owing to rain—iteter.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY

A grand fighting knock of 127, 11 fours by Imtiaz Ahmad, and a creditable 56 by Masood, enabled Pakistan to reach a healthy score of 271 for six wickets when play ended on the first day of the first Test against Ceylon at the Bagh Jinnah ground.

Imtiaz's polished innings was not entirely free from blemish. He gave Imtiaz his first life, but made amends later by smartly stumping him.

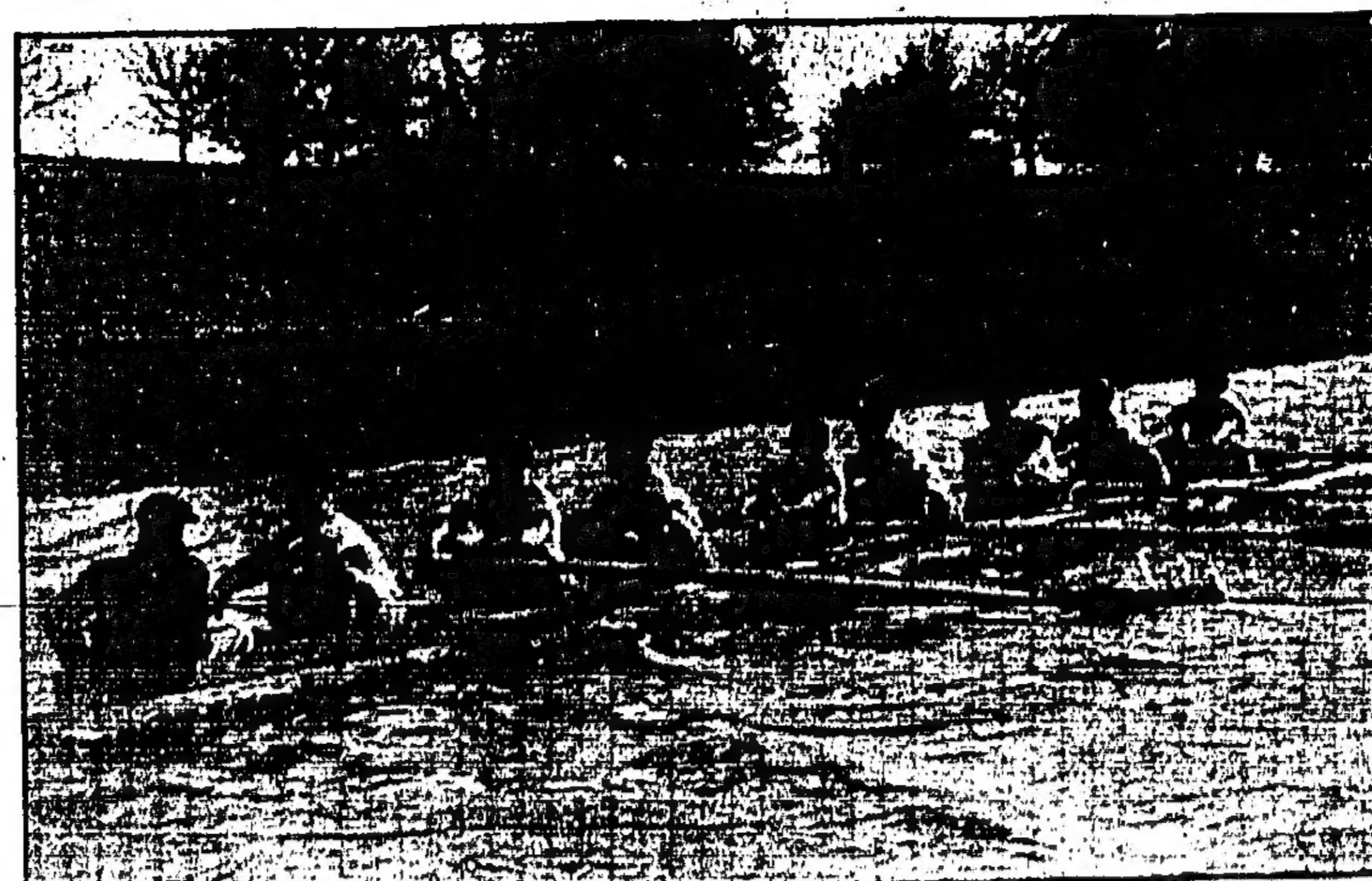
The other opening batsman, Nazar, also fell a victim to his quick work. Dinalath, running yards down to the boundary from mid-on to deep square-leg, accepted an almost impossible catch with one hand to dismiss the homo skipper.

Ceylon tried 11 bowlers during the day, varying the attack from medium fast to spin.

Gunesena and Diboya, who were given long spells, were the most successful taking three wickets for 60 and two for 55 respectively.—Reuter.

OXFORD PRACTICE ON THE TIDeway

The crew that, bar accidents, will represent Oxford in the University Boat Race from Putney to Mortlake on April 1 out on a full course trial near Putney. Left to right, the crew members are J. E. C. Hinckfus (Trinity), cox; A. J. M. Cavenagh (Magdalen), stroke; D. N. Codd (Trinity), J. Hayes (New College), G. C. Fisk (Oriel), J. M. Clay (Magdalen), H. J. Fenton (Magdalen), P. Gladstone (Christ Church) and J. G. C. Blacker (Balliol), bow.



A Million People Will Be Lining The Banks

London, Mar. 26.—A million people will line a four and a quarter mile stretch of the river Thames on Saturday for the greatest free sporting spectacle in the world—the annual University boat race between Oxford and Cambridge.

For the 16 hefty oarsmen, matching muscle and watermanship along the gruelling winding course, there will be no cups, medals or prizes. They will have spent three months of self-denial and hard work, sweating at the oars through the fogs and rain of winter and spring, to weld themselves into machine-like perfection—all for the honour of a Blue, the hallmark of achievement in sport at the Universities.

Though an estimated million people line the tow-paths and vantage points, there is no charge for this annual event, which costs each University boat club about £1,000.

£3 PER STROKE

Allowing an average stroking rate of 30 to the minute over an average time of 20 minutes for the course, this works out at the rate of about £3 per stroke. A new boat costs £250.

The race itself rarely produces a thrilling finish, though in 1877 there was a dead-heat, and last year Cambridge got up on the post after being led most of the way, but there is always a tiring tussle at some point along the course.

There are two 90-degree bends in favour of the Middlesex side, and one of 180 degrees in favour of Surrey, and the race usually develops into a struggle for the inside of these bends, particularly for the long Surrey one.

The Surrey boat has to hang on grimly in the knowledge that it has the longest corner of the race in its favour, if it can only keep level until it is reached. For this reason the Surrey stoker is usually chosen by the toss winner these days, though Middlesex was favoured in the past.

DECIDING POINT

Hammarskjold Bridge, one five furlongs from the start, is the point where the race is usually won and lost, for it is difficult to keep all round the outside of the Surrey bend, particularly in rough water.

The competition was officially declared opened by Sir Arthur after he was introduced by Mr E. R. Hill, President of the Hongkong Special Constabulary Rifle and Revolver Club. Sir Arthur and Mr Hill both took part in the shooting when he declared the competition open.

The competition was for members of the Special Constabulary Rifle and Revolver Club, and it was a semi-annual affair.

Mr. G. Blinstead, Assistant Superintendent of Police, assisted by Inspectors J. A. White and G. Perkins, are supervisor and instructors, respectively, of the Club.

Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, Commissioner of Police and Mr. W. La Barre Sparrow, Deputy Commissioner, were also present.

Cambodia are having hot favourites with the tideaway experts, but a comparison of the full course is at times hampered by some revision of opinion.

In the final trial, Cambridge were only 10 seconds faster than Oxford, but allowing for the better conditions this leaves the issue wide open.

Cambridge are a very strong crew, with an average weight of 12 stone, eight pounds, but Oxford, averaging 12 stone, five pounds, have impressed with the skilful handling of their craft in rough water.

The competition started with a 10 yards delayed firing, followed by a 10 yards firing and concluded with a 15 yards slow firing. There were 30 competitors including Mr. Hill, President of the Club.

At the conclusion, Sir Arthur presented the Challenge Cup to Mr. Sadick and spoons to the runners-up.

It was learned that there will be a spoon competition for revolver shooting every Tuesday evening; also a mixed shooting competition with ladies every Sunday morning. Mr. Blinstead and Insps. White and Perkins will act as instructors.

The object is to promote accurate shooting and art in handling revolvers, which were the personal weapons of members of the Club.

Adrian Quist (Australia) and Miss Moran beat Drobny, self-exiled Czech, by 8-6, 6-3, 9-1 and 6-4 in the final, which lasted two and a half hours.

Drobny beat Von Cramm in straight sets in Cairo two weeks ago.

In the final of the Women's Doubles, Mrs. Pat Todd and Miss Gertrude "Gussie" Moran (United States) beat Mrs. A. Bosi (Italy) and Miss Gem Hoehn (Britain) by 6-4 and 6-3.

Even so, Wales were not beaten at their best by the 52,000-strong crowd.

After the interval, Club president went off, Prat gave special attention to Cleaver and severely restricted the fly-half's chances.

Prat, after a try, was converted.

Then the French full-back, Fornet, gave his side from a heavier reverse, his tackling and fielding being admirable.

Apart from Merquay, the three-quarters did not impress, being too orthodox and the handicapped forwards were often overplayed.

Jack Matthews was in good form at centre for Wales and Ken Jones used his chances smartly. Other prominent Welsh players were Avey and Evans.—Reuter.

PAT TODD WINS

Mrs. Patricia Todd, won the Alexandria International Lawn Tennis Championship by beating a fellow Californian, Miss Gertrude Moran, 1-0, 6-3, 6-0.

Gottfried von Cramm of Germany and Jack Harper of Australia won the men's doubles championship when they beat the Czech, Jaroslav Drobny and Australia's Adrian Quist, 2-0, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

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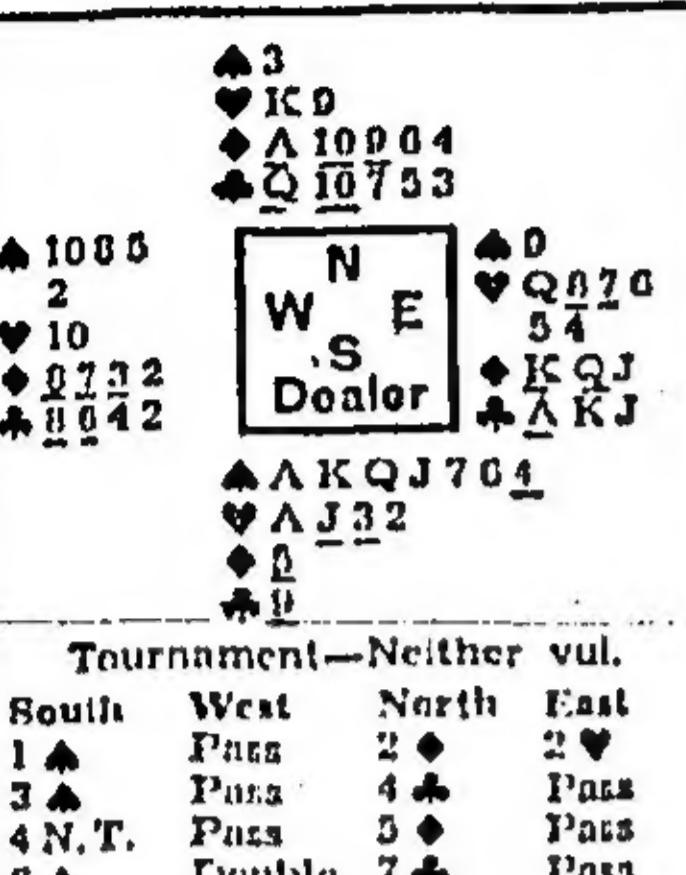
Dobson, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

Patricia Todd, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Chance Is Removed In Duplicate Bridge



Tournament—Neither vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 N.T. Pass 5 ♦ Pass
6 ♠ Double 7 ♦ Pass
7 N.T. Pass Pass Double
Opening—♦ 10

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE increasing popularity of bridge each year is due primarily to the fine work of the bridge clubs and duplicate games having a fine cabinet mind!

Bridge clubs are a gathering centre for people who are looking for recreation and companionship. The stakes they play for in most of the clubs are practically nothing, but it gives people who otherwise could not find a foursome at bridge an opportunity to go to their favourite bridge club for a game.

Every community should have a duplicate game where the element of luck is eliminated and every hand is a lesson.

In rubber bridge you just try to make your contract, but can you imagine what a thrilling discussion that comes up after a hand like today's? One declarer bid six spades and made seven when he got a trump opening.

One pair actually got into even no trump and made it with the following line of play: The opening lead of the ten of hearts was won by the king. The nine-spot was then led. East covered with the queen and declarer won the trick with the ace of hearts.

Declarer ran six spade tricks. This left all the players with the cards I have underlined. The four of spades was led by the declarer and dummy's ten of clubs was discarded. East made the defensive play by discarding the ace of clubs. The jack of hearts was led and dummy's queen of clubs was discarded.

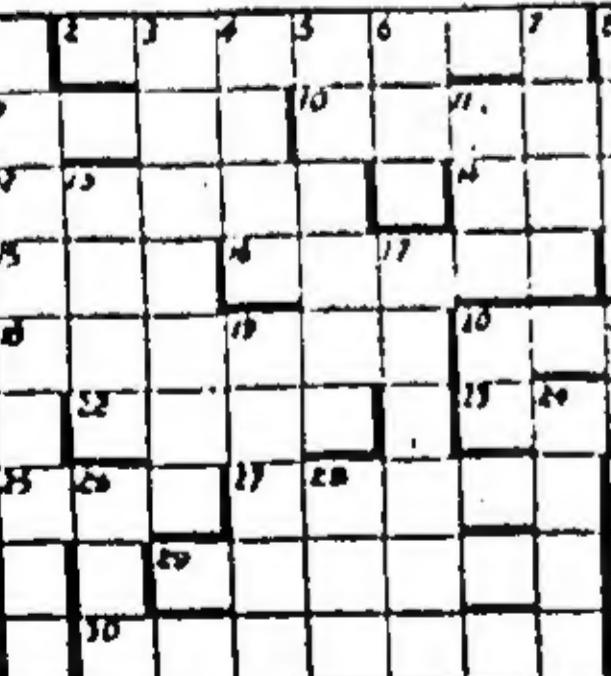
Now the good ring of clubs was cushioned and East was squeezed. If he dropped the queen of diamonds, dummy's diamonds would be good. If he discarded the eight of hearts declarer would win the last trick with the three of hearts.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the meaning of the slang expression, double dip?
2. What is another name for radar?
3. What is pig-iron?
4. "The sport of kings" refers to what sport?
5. What continent contains no true desert?
6. What causes an eclipse of the sun?

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD



2. Letters of support. (4)
5. Metal ahead? (4)
10. That's the lot. (5)
11. The old towel? (5)
14. A great Federation. (6)
15. Briefly even. (3)
16. Put in the bare it made. (6)
20. Cambridge or Durham servant. (3)
22. Distilled atom rings the castle. (4)
23. Trans-continental travel agency. (4)
25. Fruit of the hawthorn. (3)
27. French-Algerian cavalry. (5)
29. Imitation gold in imitation jewellery. (6)
30. Too—not a bridge builder. (6)
31. Down
1. Troops stationed here are shot later. (6)
3. A mixture of sun and rain. (7)
4. A well-tempered garden. (4)
5. With faced is prudish. (6)
6. A pipe's son. (3)
7. Affairs with this on words are apt to mislead. (4)
11. Often used in reprobation. (8)
15. Many quirks. (4)
17. Trains are broken by such a tension. (6)
19. The old city of Persia. (8)
21. It's an honour. (3)
25. Tells you what you have to fork five for a change. (4)
26. War Amazon. (8)
28. The female swan. (3)

DUMB-BELLS REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

THAT LOUIS XIV BED I BOUGHT IS NOT LONG ENOUGH FOR MY HUSBAND CAN I EXCHANGE IT FOR A LOUIS XVI?



AROUND THE WORLD

Land of the Midnight Sun

By TEMPLE MANNING

TOURS out of Stockholm to know more about a sturdy people, and also to pay one's respects to the famous Midnight Sun, made for part of the delight of a sojourn in Sweden. It is nice to go by water, but land, finally reaching Rättvik, famous for its colourful national costumes. One leaves Rättvik in the afternoon, and, after changing trains at Kiruna,

also a charming and interesting spot, one arrives next evening at Kiruna, via Gallivare.

Forty-three miles before reaching the latter town the traveller crosses the Arctic Circle. Gallivare is an ancient centre, and is the oldest mining town in Lapland, the surround-

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THERE is a stir among Edwardians and Victorians. At the very moment when Mr Macqueen-Pope's book about the Gaely Theatre appears, the figure on the top of the theatre is being refurbished, and there is talk of the old home of musical comedy being reopened next year.

If the tradition is continued, many an impoverished peer will be glad of a chance to marry into the family of a chorus girl with a steady job. By the way, I am glad to see that Mr Macqueen-Pope mentions that champagne was drunk from the shank of the Gaely girls, a story I have been accused of inventing. One of the girls complained that it made her shoes damp. Probably the champagne was not dry enough.

It serves him copy well right

WRITERS are always com-

plaining that their work does not get the recognition it deserves. It is a change to find one of them complaining that he found a bit of his stuff in an anthology without acknowledgement of any sort. This is the time to sing, to the air of "Terry O'Rourke's Breeches," the old refrain:

You're in the anthology—
No apology!

No wonder you call it a slight
Such a degradation,

For a man in your station—

But it serves you copy well right,

Serves you copy well right—

Serves you copy well right!

Shedding the soul of music

ONE was highly conscious of the harp," writes a music critic. But that is the whole charm of the harp. Modern music-lovers probably want an electric harp, with coloured lights and a much more aggressive manner of making itself heard. "Call that music! Why, I never had to raise my voice while we were talking."

As for the famed Midnight Sun, in the extreme north, Old Sol remains continuously above the horizon for several weeks at the time of the summer solstice. At Abisko, it is visible from end of May to mid-July. But even in places where the sun cannot be actually seen at midnight, the refraction of its rays light up the earth, so there is really no night, as we know it, from the beginning of May until the new romance.

For those who like splendid scenery there is much to see and admire in Lapland. Extensive forests and waterfalls are beautiful, but there is a sort of brooding beauty, too, in the waste bogs, the desolate mountain moors and the vast trackless plains that make up part of the terrain.

Little over 50 years ago, the first railway pushed up to Gallivare, and a few years later it was extended still further. Today most of the line is electrified, and is in fact the longest electrified line in Europe. Most of it is north of the Arctic Circle.

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